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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WALDREP RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

CHARLESTON, IL--Christopher Waldrep, assistant professor of American history at Eastern Illinois University, has received a national fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) to conduct postdoctoral research.

From 675 applicants, 71 awards were made to educators from universities across the country and Spain.

The ACLS Fellowship/Grant-in-Aid program is partially supported by endowment grants received from the Ford Foundation, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities and Rockefeller Foundation.

Waldrep's research topic is "Black Participation in Southern Courts, 1800-1885." He also has received a \$4,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study this subject.

Through his research, Waldrep will make an analysis of black attitudes toward the law by studying black testimony transcribed in trial court records. He also will compare the attitudes toward law held by whites with those held by blacks.

In addition to researching plantation and nonplantation court districts in Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina and

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North Carolina, Waldrep will compare federal and state courts throughout the South.

He also will examine a small collection of microfilmed documents from antebellum South Carolina to determine how a slave court in that state functioned.

Waldrep will use his research findings to produce articles and a book manuscript and to help Eastern students understand nineteenth-century social and legal history.